

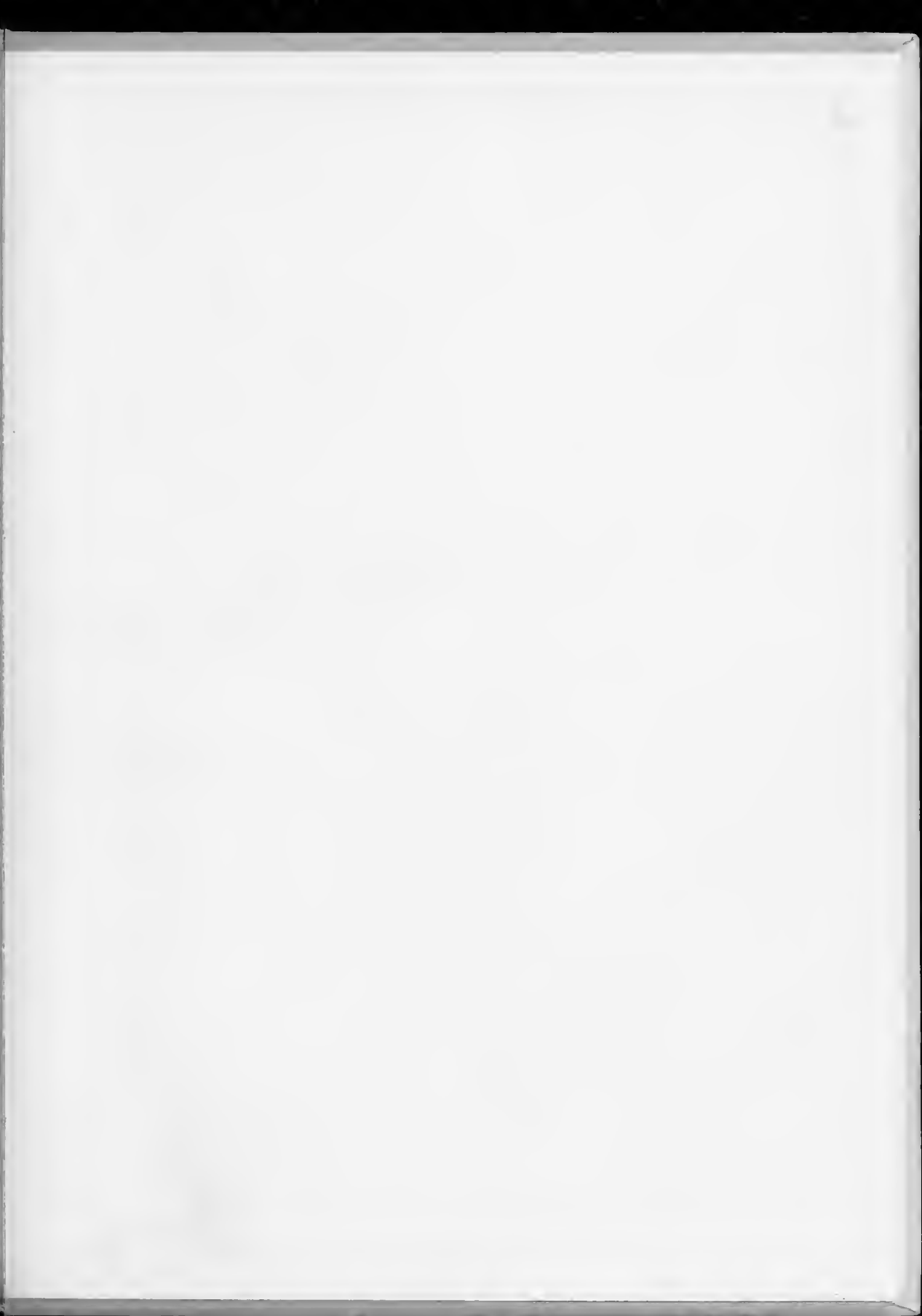
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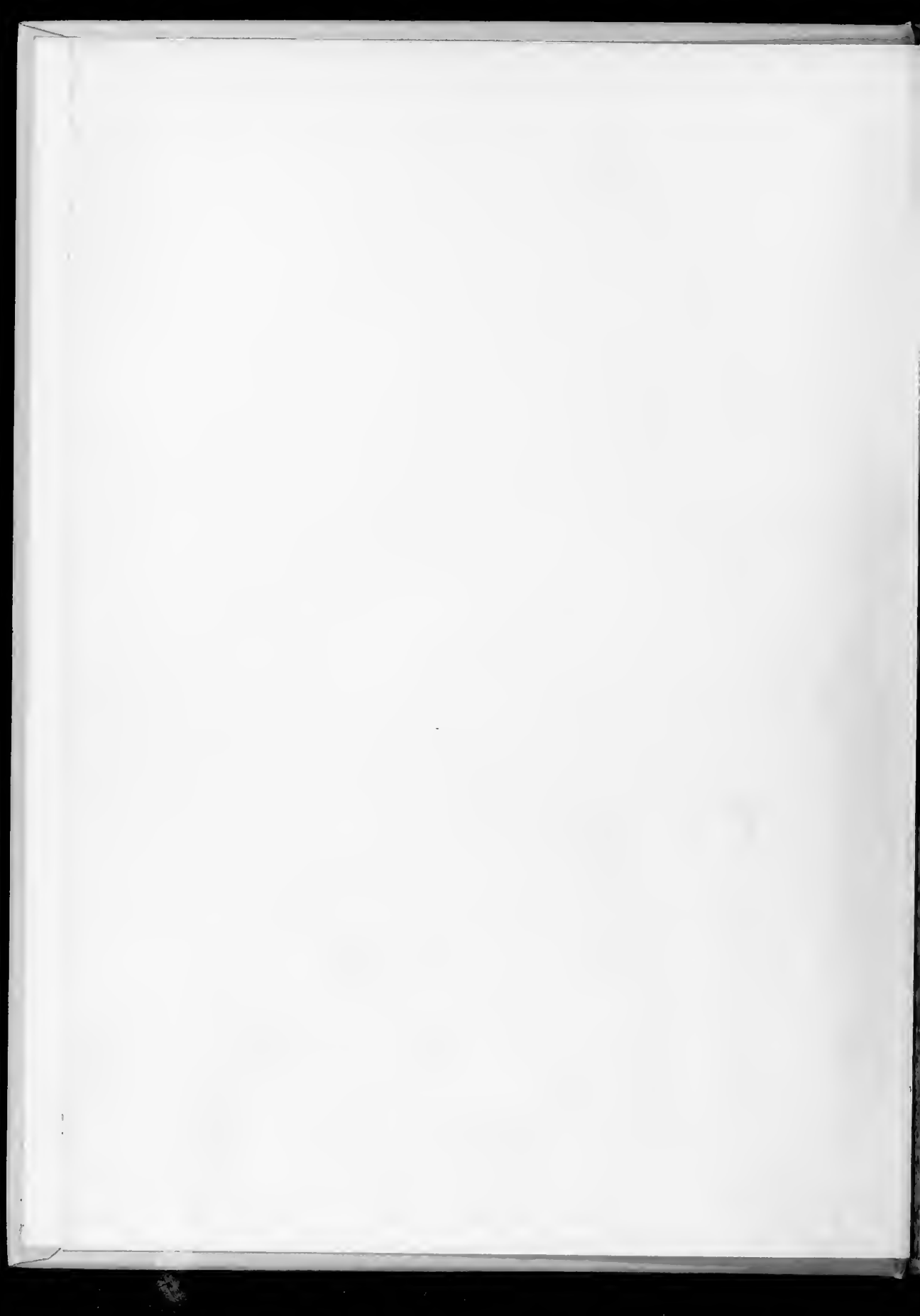
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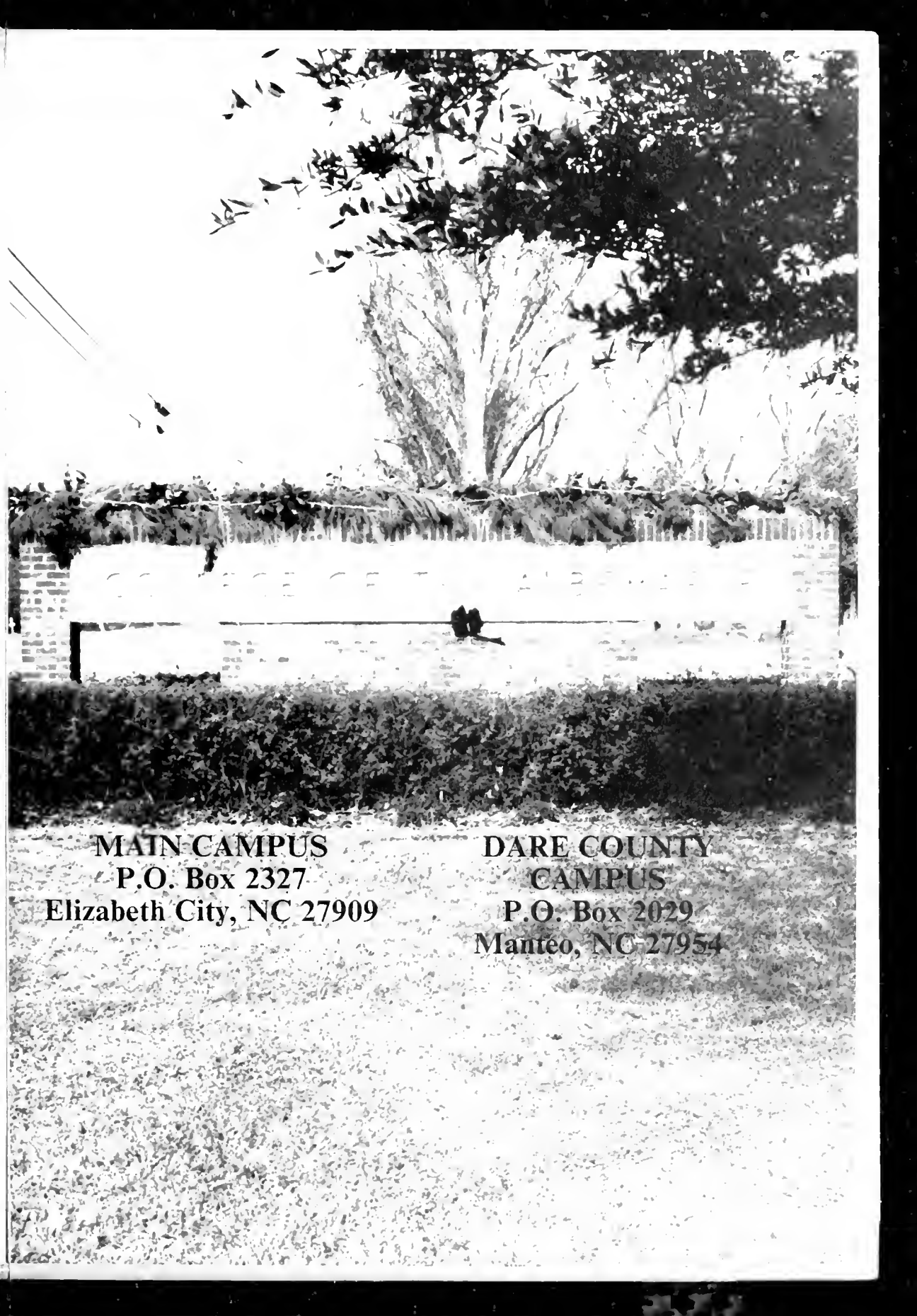


BEACON '91









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**DARE COUNTY**

**CAMPUS**

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**Manteo, NC 27954**

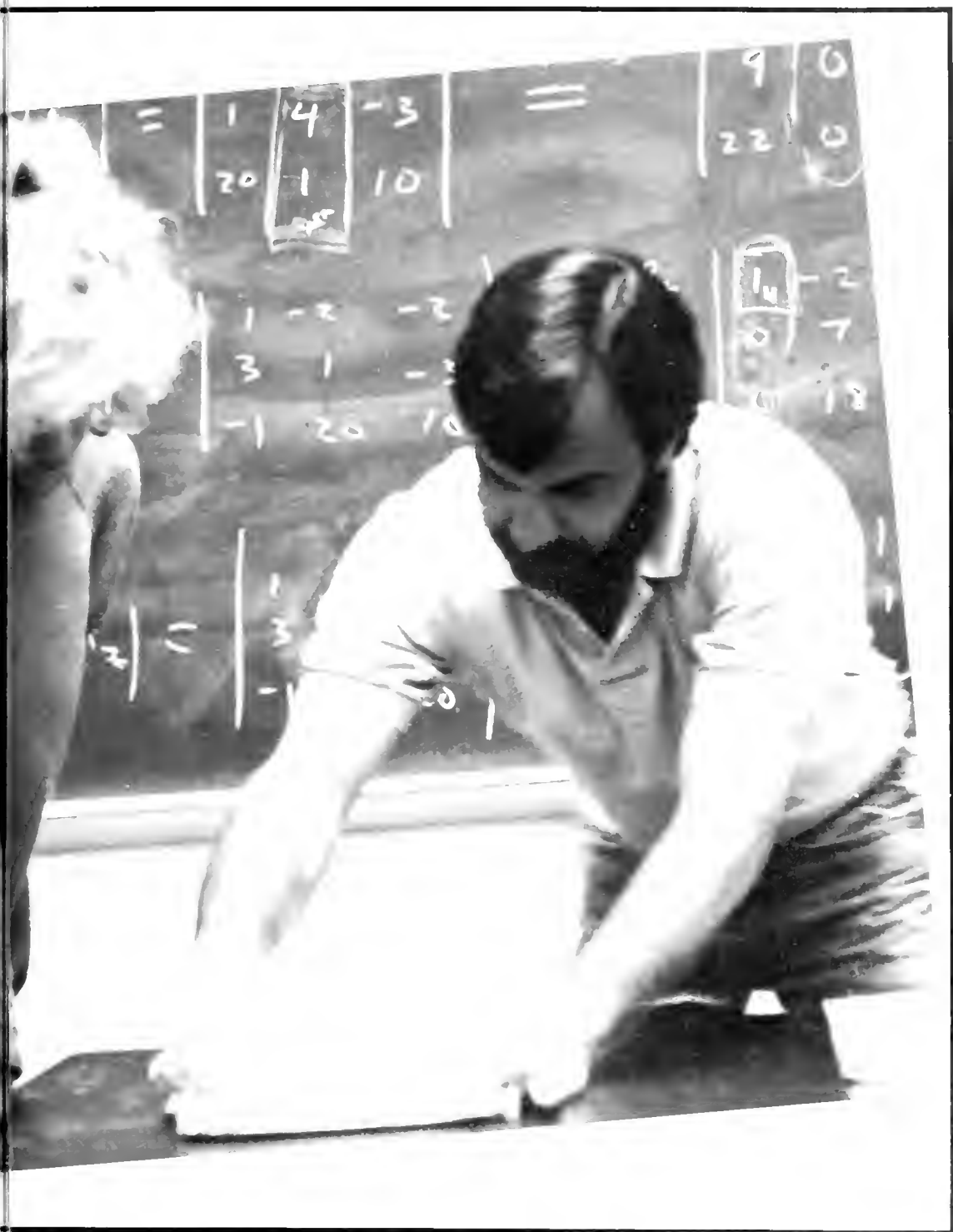
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# **ALLIANCE OF EDUCATORS**





# In Memory of Norman Norfleet, Dean of Instruction

The 1991 Beacon is fondly dedicated to the memory of Norman L. Norfleet, COA's Dean of Instruction from May 1976 through January 1991.

Mr. Norfleet began his college studies at COA in 1963, graduating in 1965 with his A.A. degree. He was awarded the President's Service Cup in honor of his outstanding performance as a student. After receiving his A.B. and Master's degrees from East Carolina University, Mr. Norfleet taught in the Virginia and North Carolina public school systems. He joined the COA administration in 1973 as Director of the Evening Program, and became Dean of Instruction in May of 1976.

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"COA was a vital part of his life. He will be missed by all of us." — Dr. Parker Chesson.

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"He did an outstanding job as our instructional leader for fourteen years," notes college President Parker Chesson. "COA was a vital part of his life. He will be missed by all of us."

Dean Norfleet is remembered by many for his vitality, enthusiasm, and wry wit. His contributions to the college and community were invaluable, and his sense of commitment served as an inspiration to many students, faculty members and friends. This COA yearbook is proud to salute his memory.



# COA Board of Trustees

Trustee Members, left to right: Kimly D. Blount; Inez H. Bolden; W. C. "Bill" Owens Jr.; Wallace E. Nelson, Vice-Chairman; Lillian B. Bigg; Andrew H. Williams; Bruce A. Biggs; Robert G. Williams, Chairman; Nancy M. Ferebee; J. Selby Scott; Ray S. Jones, Jr.; Gerald F. White; Robert D. Aldridge; Joseph L. Lamh, Jr. Not pictured: Louise B. Dollard



Trustee members take an active interest in student affairs. Here, 1989-90 Board Chairman Ray Jones shares some holiday goodies with a friend at the Senate-sponsored "Children's Christmas Party."

# COA President leads a winning team

Behind COA's commitment to the "open door" policy of education is the open door of college president, Parker Chesson. Dr. Chesson stays actively involved with the daily educational process on campus, as well as representing COA and the community college system on the state-wide level. Despite his busy schedule, Dr. Chesson is always available to answer student concerns. "My door is always open," he notes, and many students can attest that this is true.

Advising Dr. Chesson on institutional matters are two important bodies: the Administrative Council and the President's Council, who provide administrative insight into running an effective institution.

J. Parker Chesson, Jr., right, has served as President of COA since 1975.



Administrative Council, left to right: Martha Swain, John Simmons, Parker Chesson, Wanda Winslow, Phyllis Haskett, Barry Hartis.



President's Council, left to right: Gene Talkington, Holly Cook-Wood, Floyd Horton, Lynn Bunch, Phyllis Haskett, John Simmons, Parker Chesson, Lloyd Armstrong, Martha Swain, Wanda Winslow, William Sterritt, Ray Scaffa.

# ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF



Karen Alexander, Director,  
Accounting Services  
Lloyd Armstrong, Assistant  
Dean, Student Financial Aid  
Denise Aydtlett, Bridges Program  
Secretary  
Mildred Banks, Telephone  
Operator/Receptionist



Wendy Brickhouse, Secretary,  
Development and Planning  
Mary Louise Brown, Registrar  
Janice Bryant, Secretary, Dean  
of Instruction  
Lynne Bunch, Director, Small  
Business Center



Wendy Brickhouse and Nelson White await the arrival of  
goodies at the staff Christmas reception.

Ms. Brown hides out behind some jungle plants. Somehow,  
though, the natives always seem to find her.

Beth Compton, Communications  
Specialist  
Kathleen Congdon, Secretary,  
Dare County Campus  
Holly Cook-Wood, Director,  
Learning Resources Center  
Glenda Crane, Secretary,  
Faculty



Virginia Culpepper, Coordinator,  
Edenton Adult Learning Center  
Carolyn Davis, Instructor/  
Coordinator, Bridges Program  
Susan Daveiro, Counselor  
Angela Godfrey-Dawson,  
Financial Aid Assistant



You'd better behave, or Glenda will getcha!

Dignitaries and COA officials gather at the grand opening of Edenton-Chowan Adult Education Center's new facility.

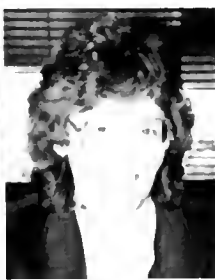




With a smile like that, it can't be April or June.

Grace Gray works with Environmentalist Club leaders Richard Hedgepeth and Bruce White on plans for Earth Day 1990.

And then we planted a tree.



Nancy Farmer, Secretary,  
Faculty  
Lisa Finley, Secretary,  
Admissions  
Grace Gray, Assistant Director,  
Learning Lab  
Doris Greene, Custodian



Mary Griffin, Literacy  
Education Recruiter  
James Hall, Maintenance  
Mechanic  
Peggy Harris, Accountant  
Barry Hartis, Dean,  
Administrative Services

Phyllis N. Haskett, Director,  
Institutional Effectiveness and  
Research  
Sherry Hewitt, Secretary,  
Literacy Education  
Deborah Holland, Director,  
Support Services/Bookstore  
Manager  
Floyd Horton, Associate Dean,  
Continuing Education and  
Business Services



Ronald Hostetler, General  
Helper  
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Research  
Lisa Johnson, Secretary/Intake  
Officer, ABLE Center  
Roy Johnson, Printing Services  
Coordinator



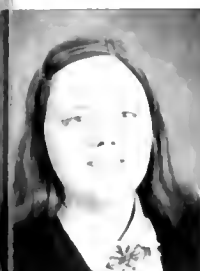
Carrie Jones, Secretary, Student  
Support Services Program  
Elizabeth Jones, Community  
Center Manager  
Dave Kelsick, Literacy  
Education Recruiter  
Carolyn LaDow, Lead  
Accounting Technician



Mrs. Haskett has her hands full with her newly created position.

Mr. Hartis and Mr. Horton have an enjoyable time at the Faculty Christmas Party.





Rita Layden, Accounts Payable Clerk  
 Anne Lennon, Director, ABLE Program  
 Clyde Leverette, Custodian  
 Diane Leverette, Secretary, Small Business Center



Carlton McDonald, Mechanic  
 Sharon Mudge, Director, Management Information Services  
 Lynn Needham, Library Technical Assistant  
 Judy Nero, Secretary, Student Development



Martha Newbold, Director, Learning Lab  
 Gerald Oliver, Counselor, Dare County Campus  
 Lois Ollis, Accounting Technician  
 Michael Parker, Visiting Artist



Mary Partin, Director, Literacy Education  
 Ella Pollard, Bookstore Assistant  
 Maxine Riddick, Custodian  
 Dawn Rountree, Secretary, Continuing Education



Diane Sawyer, Secretary, Learning Resources Center  
 Douglas Sawyer, Director, Community Services Education  
 Ernest Sawyer, Landscaper/Groundskeeper  
 Ray Scaffa, Assistant Dean, Counseling and Placement

William Sears, Custodian  
Michelle Sheep, Cashier/Secretary  
John Simmons, Jr., Dean, Student Development



Louis Stephenson, Literacy Education Recruiter  
Sandra Strickland, Executive Secretary to the President  
Martha Swain, Director, Development and Planning



Backed into a corner again

"You can tell by the way I move  
my walk..."



Gene Talkington, Associate Dean, Occupational Education  
Lance Taylor, Custodian  
Virginia Tillett, Assistant Registrar, Dare County Campus



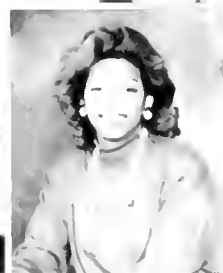
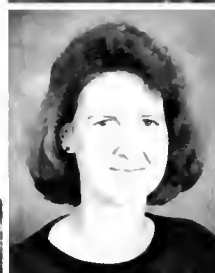


Jim Tim tips his hat to the ladies.

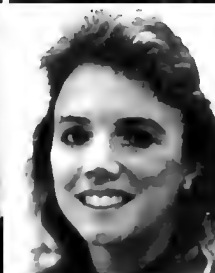
A leisurely afternoon on the New Deck at Dare Campus.



Jim Timmerman, Director,  
Physical Facilities  
Marietta Trainor, Coordinator,  
Learning Lab, Dare County  
Dwan Turner, Director, Student  
Activities  
Joe Turner, Associate Dean,  
Dare County Campus



Ruth Warren,  
Tutor/Coordinator, Student  
Support Services Program  
Rhonda Watts, Computer  
Programmer  
Gladys Whitehurst, Lead  
Custodian  
Andrea Williams, Director,  
Student Support Services  
Program



Debra Williams,  
Director/Instructor, Co-  
operative Education  
Lynn Hurdle-Winslow,  
Coordinator, Literacy Skills  
Assessment  
Roy Winslow, Assistant Dean,  
Admissions  
Wanda Winslow, Director,  
Public Relations and  
Communications

# COA Food Service

Pearl Forbes,  
Interim Manager

Sue Lane  
Mary Williams



Always the "place to be," the snack bar serves up good food at fair prices.



In the spring of 1961 the trustees of the newly chartered College of the Albemarle selected Dr. Robert Benson as the college's first President. Six staff and faculty members were hired, and the college's first session began in September of that year. Twelve classrooms in the upper stories of a renovated hospital formed the setting for studies in English, social studies, foreign languages, science and business.

Today, COA boasts a faculty and staff of more than eighty people, including a number of instructors and staff at its satellite campus in Dare County. The curriculum now includes almost fifty areas of study. Ample classrooms, vocational clinics, training equipment, and computers signify the changes that have occurred since teaching began at the college thirty years ago.

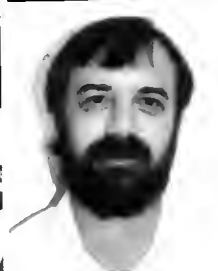


"The times, they are a-changin' . . ." Joe Turner, Associate Dean of the Dare County Campus, reviews some statistics from his office computer.

Mr. Adams and Mr. Neve trade science and math formulas before class.



Bobby Adams, Associate Professor, Chemistry and Physics  
Miriam Alexander, Assistant Professor, Technical and Vocational Education



Jimmy Anderson, Assistant Professor, Business Education  
Julian Aydlett, Jr., Associate Professor, Mathematics

Jim Bridges disguises himself as a student.



Clate Aydlett, Associate Dean, College Transfer Education  
Hollis Beloat, Instructor, Sociology  
Sandra Boyce, Assistant Professor, Speech/Drama  
James Bridges, Associate Professor, English

Dr. Leland Chou, Professor,  
Music  
Lillie Chou, Instructor, Music



Carol Douglas, Instructor, PN  
Marsha Dubbè, Associate  
Professor, ADN



Dorothy Dunlow, Associate  
Professor, Business Education  
Patti Farless, Associate  
Professor, ADN



Patricia Finch, Associate  
Professor, English and Dev.  
Educ.  
Robert Ford, Professor, Drafting  
and Design



Jean George, Instructor, Dev.  
English and Reading  
David Gregory, Associate  
Professor, Biology



Dr. Chou listens to Jeanette McCue with great  
intent.



Larry Chaney, part-time instructor at DCC, shares  
some philosophies before class.

Career Day '91



Lillie Chou gets a beauty makeover from Faye Hoffman and students.



Marion Harris, Associate Professor, Physical Education



Wilma Harris, Professor, ADN



Ben Hill, Assistant Professor, Art



David Hodges, Professor, Electronics and EDP



Faye Hoffman, Assistant Professor, Cosmetology

Who was that masked man?

Betty Jones, Assistant  
Professor/Supervisor, PN  
Teresa Kerber, Associate Professor,  
Bus. Com. Prog.



Kerry Krauss, Assistant Professor,  
Electronics and EDP  
Karen Kulhanek, Associate  
Professor, ADN



The Faculty and Staff members  
listen closely to the budget woes felt  
across the state.



Jerry Leete, Assistant Professor,  
Biology  
Polly Lovell, Instructor,  
Cosmetology  
Vickey Loy,  
Instructor, English  
Shelby Mansfield, Associate  
Professor, Psychology





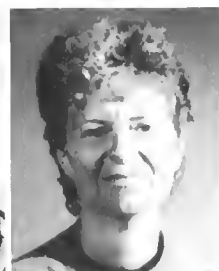
Orville McNary, Assistant Professor, Elec. Instal. and Main.  
Jesse Mercer, Associate Professor, Economics  
Chris Neve, Instructor, Developmental Math



Dare Campus students enjoy the sunshine in Vicki Loy's American Lit class.



Even Dean Simmons has a weak spot.



Stanley Nixon, Assistant Professor, Machinist Trade  
Kay Patterson, Associate Professor, Physical Education



Sandra Phillips, Assistant Professor, Dev. Reading  
Barbara Riccardo, Associate Professor, Foreign Languages

Dr. Ronald Riccardo, Professor,  
History  
Harry Rosenblatt, Instructor,  
Bus. and Computer Prog.  
Patsy Sanders, Associate  
Professor, English and Dev.  
Educ.  
Robert Stephens, Associate  
Professor, English



Patricia Sterritt, Instructor,  
ADN  
William Sterritt, Professor,  
Physical Education  
Gerhardt Wesner, Assistant  
Professor, Automotive  
Mechanics  
Nelson White, Associate  
Professor, Business



The Faculty and Staff Christmas Party — a time for  
fun and laughs.

Robert Stephens plays his part well.

Dr. Chesson met with Miss North Carolina.





Marvenia White, Assistant Professor, Business Education  
Doug Williams, Assistant Professor, Air Cond., Htg. & Refrg.  
Rose Williams, Associate Professor, ADN  
Lot Winslow, Assistant Professor, Business/Banking & Finance.



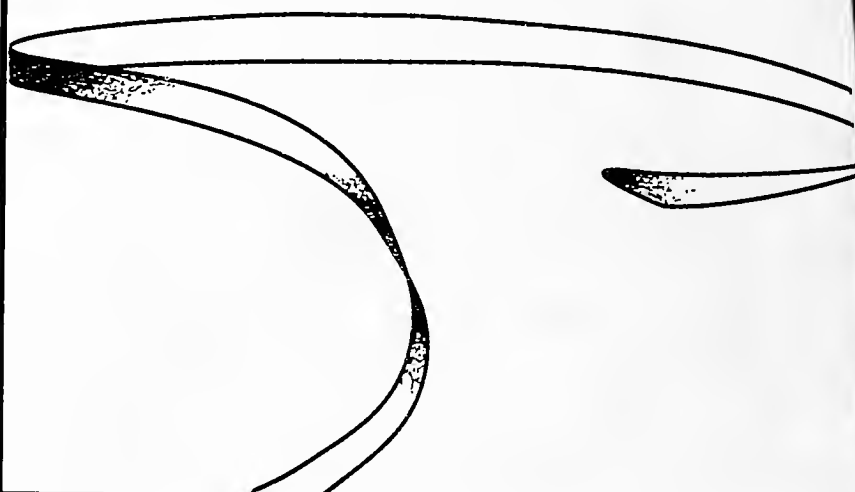
Lost in traffic!

COA staffers keep the food line moving at "Welcome Back to College" Day.



Familiar places, familiar faces . . . DCC part-time instructors Lynn Bryant, Larry Chaney, Kay Bell, Grace Garriss, and Steve McDonald.

# **TEMPORARY GATHERINGS**





# A TOUCH OF SPRING



Karily Blount awards English Professor Robert Stephens Teacher of the Year which was chosen by the Student Senate.

Dzuik presents Danna Rogerson with an appreciation gift from The Foreign Arts Club.



Student Life has been an important part of COA throughout its thirty years. The Student Government Association was an integral part of student and faculty relations as The Student Senate is today. The Senate helps coordinate many events for students. The Christmas Dance and The Spring formal are two events held annually. The Formal has been enjoyed for many of COA's thirty years. Sports have also played a big role in COA's past. Its teams had many wins over the years in sports such as soccer, tennis, and basketball. Now students can take classes in sports such as softball, volleyball, and sailing. Activities and special events continue to be a key element of COA.



Mrs. Debra Williams introduces facts about the Cooperative Education Program to area high school students as they visit on a spring tour.

# OUT TO LUNCH

**Annual Employer-Employee  
Luncheon Recognizes Those  
Involved In Cooperative Education**



# AWARDS DAY



**MARSHALLS:** Dorothy Pelis, Linda Newman, Melanie Chesson, William Forehand

**HI BETA LAMBDA:** Althea Riddick, Shirley Ballard, Beverly Potts, Paula Gibbs. Back: Renita Ferbee, Antoinetta Holley, Lisa Jones, Donna Jordan, and JoAnn Starboard



**HO'S WHO:** Roger Rossman, Jane Shimpach, Ann Turner, Tina Sawyer, JoAnn Starboard, John Aydtlet, Kristie Armstrong



**INTRAMURAL:** Tina Sawycr, Sheri Carpenter, Melanie Meads, Ronnie McLawhorn, Elaina Laurick, Judy Racette, Paula Huffman



Lin Dziuk took part in The Hairstyle Contest that was just one of the many activities offered.

## NOW LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Activities Day at COA was fun for everyone. Many people enjoyed participating in competitive events such as tug-of-war, volleyball, pingpong, and The Student-Faculty Softball Game. All players were given T-Shirts showing their support for COA. A picnic was also held in which free hamburgers, potato chips, and soft drinks were given out. With dedication and support from both students and faculty this made the 89-90 Activities Day a big success.

By Daven Davenport



Students and Dr. Riccardo wait in line for food at the picnic.



The Volleyball Games provided a lot of fun for many students.

# Summer School







# Welcome Back!





# MEMORIES OF

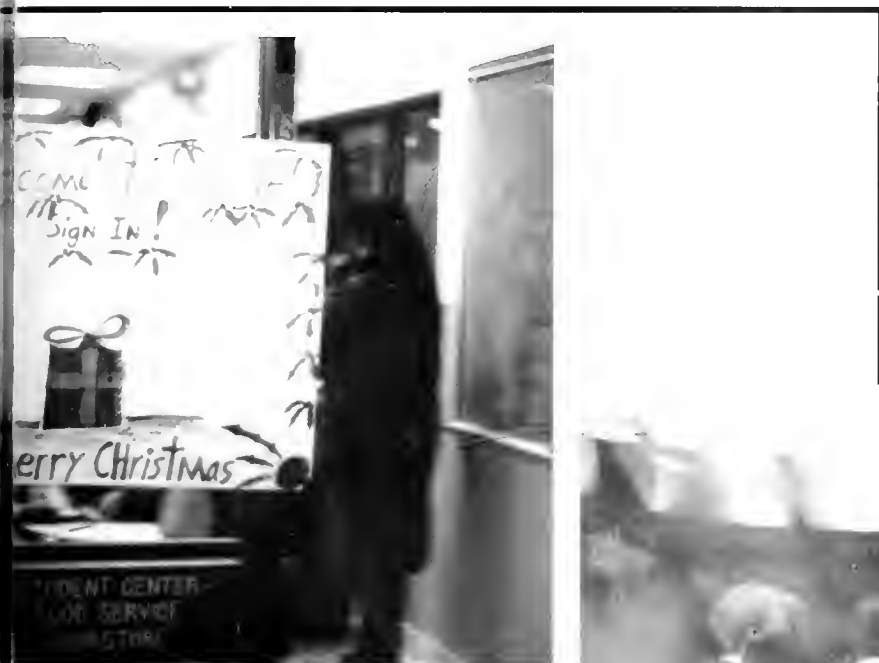


The Dare County students were generous in their donations for the Christmas Family they sponsored.



A puppet show was provided for the children's Christmas Party entertainment.

# CHRISTMAS



Children and parents were welcomed to the COA campus for our Christmas Party. Many of our clubs sponsored children.



Brian Glave dances with his date Robin Bush at the annual Christmas Dance sponsored by The Student Senate.

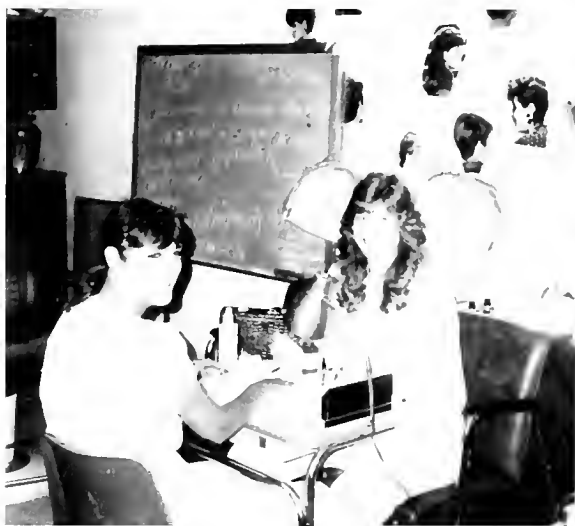
**A  
Candid  
Look**





## At COA





**Scenes From . . .**





# A R O U N D C A M P U S



# OUR STUDENT UNION





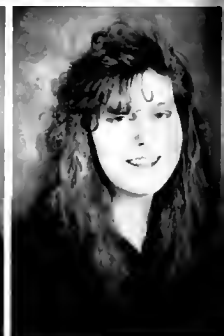
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Greg Beasley  
Anthony Bell  
Tracy Benton





Annette Buchanan  
 Lisa Bond  
 Janice Bowser  
 John Boyce



Leslie Brandt  
 Kevin Bray  
 Lisa Brinkley  
 Nancy Brinkley



Stephen Brown  
 Brenda Bryant  
 Bradford Buckner  
 Jessica Bunch



Michelle Bush  
 Robin Bush  
 Debra Cain  
 Amie Campbell

Janie Campbell  
 Anna Caneup  
 Sabrina Casa  
 Shriley Casey



Donna Coogan  
 Carol Cowell  
 Paula Cuthrell  
 Marsha Dart



Daven Davenport  
 Nancy Dennis  
 Carlton Dozier  
 Leigh Dozier



Kim Eure  
 Jodi Everette  
 Cindy Fishwick  
 David Flanagan





Barabara Fletcher  
Dana Fletcher  
Hope Floyd  
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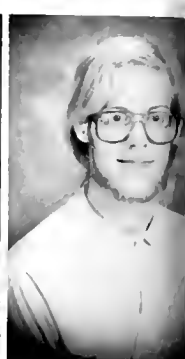
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Percy Harrell



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 Jacqueline Happy  
 Mike Harwood



Robert Harwood  
 Thomas Hauptman  
 Margaret Heath  
 Mary Hill



Tammy Hoffman  
 Antoinette Holley  
 Karen Hollowell  
 Martha Hollowell





Sidra Hooks  
Peggy Hufton  
Sandra Humphries  
Gwendolyn Hurdle



Stacey James  
Tracie Jordan  
Carol Jones  
Gwendlyn JOnes



Melody Jones  
Donna Jordan  
Mary Kincaid  
Joyce Knowles



Emma Lane  
Alma Leigh  
Johnny Licayan  
Stephen Lowing

Terrie Mallory  
 Veralynne Malone  
 Sorma Manes  
 Brett Mansfield



Karen Maupin  
 Stacey Midgett  
 Jon Morgan  
 Terri Mudge



America McIntosh  
 Denise McNamara  
 Stephanie Newell  
 Tiffany Nixon



Tracy Nixon  
 Kathy O'Hara  
 Hattie Overton  
 Tara Owens





Leena Patel  
Mattie Payhn  
Eileen Peele  
Dorothy Pelis



Lenette Perry  
Marcia Perry  
Sidney Pierce  
Tobie Price



Althea Riddick  
Roger Riebsam  
Geraldine Robtoy  
Judy Roughton



Paulette Sawyer  
Lori Scruggs  
Brice Shirey  
Dorothy Sills



Ginger Skinner  
Anna Smith  
Arlene Spear  
Rachel Spruill



Fred Stanley  
Marvenia States  
Amylynn Stokes  
Juney Stokley





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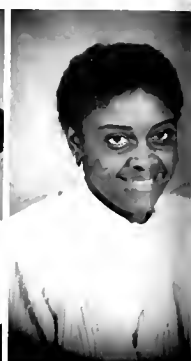


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Leah Ward  
Melissa Ward  
Leanne Wallis



Velvet Weaver  
Melissa Weeks  
Romona West  
William West

Tracie Wheeler  
John Wikravezski, Jr.  
Tonya Wilkins  
Carla Williams



Jackie Williams  
Janice Williams  
Jennetta Williams  
Sarah Williams



Sheila Williams  
Megan Wilton  
Marisa Winslow  
Diana Wittman



Lisa Wooddell  
Becky Worley  
Michael Wynn  
Cindy Yockers





Kathryn Yoder  
Marlo Zimmerman  
Lin Dzuik

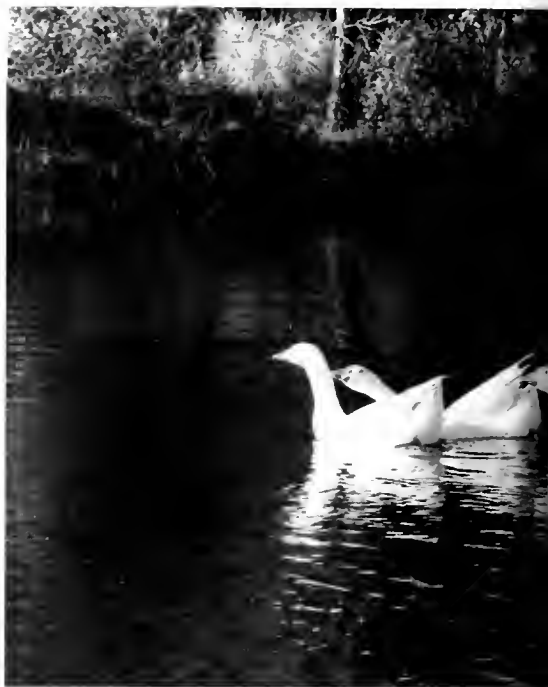


Lisa Handke enjoys a break with her friends outside of A building.



When COA opened Sept 21, 1961 the number of students totaled 113. Today the number of students has risen to 1600. While many changes have taken place the college has continued to add to its programs and curriculum to give students the career and job opportunities most sought after. In 1961, COA provided courses that would transfer to a four year institution after completing freshman and sophomore requirements. By 1964, COA also offered technical and vocational programs such as drafting, electronics, and nursing. Today COA's Nursing Programs are a very important part of the college and interest to many students.

# COA — A Shining Beacon . . .





... By the Sea

# DARE COUNTY CAMPUS

Bobby Adams  
Carla Ambrose  
Stacy Andrews



Judy Ashley  
Jean Basnight  
Anne Beasley



Chris Bradshaw  
Alexis Breaux  
Kevin Briggs





Lisa Brinn  
Patricia Butterworth  
Tonya Byrum



Angie Casper  
David Cloughley  
Susan Courington



Lee Crumpler  
Allan D'Aigneau  
Tracy D'Aigneau



Terry Davis  
Bill Diggs  
Janet Fenton



Irma Forbes  
Clara Gallop  
Michelle Goodwin



Cynthia Harper  
Betty Haskins  
Kim Holder



Robin Hooper  
Keely Jeffers  
Billy Dean Johnson





Annie Jones  
Valerie Kelly  
Austin Lake



Bob Lassiter  
Amy Lewis  
Marvella Liarman

Dare County students and faculty at the 1990  
March of Dimes walk-a-thon.



Debbie Maner  
Joe Mapp  
Connie Maxwell



Raymond McNemar  
Jason McPherson  
Allison Midgett



Jocelyn Midgett  
Charlie Mikay  
Mike Moore





Alice Murray  
Susan Paul  
Esther Piddington



Tom Piddington  
Mark Piew  
Greg Pordy



Arlene Rall  
Megan Reese  
Michelle Sanderlin



Nellie Saunders  
Tracy Stanberry  
Heidi Steinenblitz

Sarah Stetson  
Sarah Soriente  
James Teague



Chris Tolbert  
Brenda Turner  
Missy Twyne



Valerie Tydings  
Susan Wescott  
Jeffrey Whitt



Ed Wise  
Johnna Wright  
Shirley York





# FUSION INTO ONE





# Student Senate

The Student Senate is the governing body of COA students. This year's Senate has acted as a strong liaison between students and the administration, voicing student concerns over a number of issues, including the no smoking policy and the issue of serving alcohol at COA functions. One of the primary focuses of the Senate has been to create more community involvement from students. Some related projects have included: acting as a sponsor for October's Wellness Fair, hosting the annual Children's Christmas Party, and heading a spring food drive which netted more than five hundred pounds of food for the Albemarle Food Pantry. Additionally, the Senate funded several entertainment programs and initiated the "Tri-Leadership Bash," which brought leaders from Elizabeth City State University, Roanoke Bible College, and COA together for a roundtable discussion of ideas.



**1990-1991 Student Senate Officers:**  
 President — Kimly Blount  
 Vice President — Aaron Miller  
 Secretary — Michele Bush  
 Treasurer — Anna Smith  
 Historian — Joe McCoy  
 Sergeant-at-Arms — Kathy Yoder  
 Freshman Class President — Clay Rodgers  
 Freshman Class Secretary/Treasurer — Marsha Dart



Clay Rodgers, upper left, makes a speech during campaign week for the October Freshman Elections.



Entertainment Committee co-chairs, Marsha Glasgow and Robin Bush, discuss plans for the Christmas Dance.

# Dare County Campus SGA

The Student Government Association at COA-DCC, traditionally known as the Campus Concerns Club, has emphasized community involvement on its campus this year. The success of this year's Gong Show is proof that its efforts are working. The SGA also sponsors bake sales during registration and various community activities, such as the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the county. Dare County's Student Government Association also sponsors other campus clubs, such as the Christian Fellowship of Students and SADD, and publishes a newsletter called "Sounds Edge" which keeps faculty and students informed of campus events.

Jack and Connie Maxwell get ready to tote Christmas presents to the Women's Club for a sponsored family.



SGA OFFICERS — Left to Right: Kenya Whittington, Secretary/Treasurer; Suzan Wescott, Vice President; Jeffrey Whitt, President; Marilyn McDaniel, Parliamentarian.

ian Morris, a guitarist and singer, performed on both campuses this year. Here, Morris entertains Dare County students at DCC's spacious student lounge.

# Phi Theta Kappa: Scholarship, Service, Fellowship, Leadership

Phi Theta Kappa is the national honor society for community and two year colleges. Members must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher. Activities are based on Phi Theta Kappa's four hallmarks: scholarship, service, fellowship, and leadership. Being a member of Phi Theta Kappa is a privilege earned by qualifications, service, and honor.

The main campus chapter of PTK has a tradition of leadership and service on campus. One of this year's most notable contributions was the collection of 190 pounds of food for COA's spring food drive, making PTK the winner of the club food drive contest. Additionally, PTK members met service requirements by participating as hosts for the Children's Christmas Party and as assistants at campus blood drives. For the first time in several years this chapter sent a delegation to the regional PTK convention in Charleston, South Carolina. The PTK Used Book Store, PTK's ongoing fundraising enterprise, was also busy during each quarter this year. Profits from this and other fundraisers provide funding for PTK Scholarships. Of course, one of the most enjoyable events which PTK sponsors is the annual "Faculty Appreciation Day," held each spring to honor COA staff and teachers. It is a tradition that really draws a crowd!

The Dare County Campus chapter of PTK is called Alpha Omicron Theta. This year members participated in the March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon, raising over \$700.00. They also volunteered their time to the Senior Games, Fun Run, and Triathlon. The chapter also raised money for a scholarship with a garage sale and hosted a seminar series on topics related to their Honor Study Topic, "Civilization at Risk." Other service activities included the planting of two flowering crabapple trees for Earth Day and the sponsorship of a Christmas family. The year was a busy one with bake sales, drawings, operation of the Used Book Store, and the hosting of a food table for one week in the faculty lounge.

Way to go, PTK!



**PTK MEMBERS** — Left to Right: Greg Woodell, Denise McNamara, Gary McDaniel, Lisa Handke, Linda Beamon, Paula Williams, Donna Rackley, Althea Riddick, Sterling Ruffin, Jessica Bunch, Anita Gregory, Christie Newnan, Laura Schroeder, Cindy Vockers, Barbara Fletcher, Johnny Hollowell, Verilynne Malone, Selma Maines, Lisa Woodell, Gray Chesson, Terry Mallory, John Boyce.

**1990-91 OFFICERS** — Althea Riddick, President; Gray Chesson, Vice-President; Johnnie Hollowell, Treasurer; Verilynne Malone, Secretary; Terry Mallory, Book Store Mgr.



PTK members sample the goodies at the 1st Faculty Appreciation Day.

Althea Riddick, President of PTK on main campus, prepares to light a fire under her troops at meeting time.

Dare County members start off the Walk-A-Thon with a smile.



**PHI THETA KAPPA — DCC MEMBERS —**  
Left to Right: Judy Asbley, Secretary; Carol Harris, Treasurer; Ron Jack; Nellie Saunders, President; Connie Maxwell; Teresa Kerber, Advisor. Not Pictured: Ken Dyar, Suzan Wescott, Debbie Maner, Kelly McRee, Rhonda Swift.

After ten miles, it's time for a rest!



# Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda, COA's business club, carries on a tradition of excellence in all of its endeavors. This year's club has made a mark both on campus and in the community.

In the fall the club promoted Free Enterprise Day by distributing flagpins on campus and at Southgate Mall. PBL participated in Elizabeth City State's Homecoming Parade, and in December created and rode the prize-winning float in Elizabeth City's Christmas Parade. This is the second year in a row in which PBL has won first place in the parade. Another Christmas project was PBL's "Coats for Tots" program, in which used coats were gathered for area families in need. The project was a great success and a benefit to the community. In the spring, PBL sent delegates to the State Leadership Conference in Charlotte, where COA's members placed in a number of competitions. Chief among the clubs honors was the First Place honor won by Johnnie Hollowell in the Computer Concepts competition, entitling him to compete this summer in the National competition in California.

In keeping with PBL's winning tradition, the club was named 1990-91 Club of the Year by the COA Student Senate.



Getting a PBL group together is easy when a parade's involved. Here some committed members gather for ECSU's Homecoming Parade.

Members don old-fashioned costumes for their "Christmas Memories" float entry in Elizabeth City's Christmas Parade. For the second year in row, PBL ran away with FIRST PRIZE!



PBL members Troy White, Donna Jordan, Lisa Jones, Terry Mallory, and Althea Riddick pause for the camera at the State Leadership Conference in Charlotte.

PBL scores big with candied apples at each bake sale. Yum!





nda and Daffy discuss the Kurdish situation. Sorry, we forgot which one Daffy.



## Biology Club

The Biology Club boasts COA's largest club membership, and with good reason. Each year the club sponsors a number of "action" trips to such outdoor wonderlands as the North Carolina Mountains, Virginia ski slopes, area beaches, and more. This year the club went to Linville Gorge in the fall and also went snow skiing in the winter. Over the summer the club plans a white-water rafting trip. Along the way club members explore wildlife and plants which they have learned about in their science studies at COA.

Back on the home front the club stays busy with fundraisers and social events. One of this year's highlights was the hatching of duck eggs. Once the little fellows arrived, they were of course made honorary Biology Club members.

Special thanks go to this year's officers: Amie Lane, President; Kathy Yoder, Vice-President; Rhonda Swayne, Secretary; Michelle Byrum, Treasurer; and Tricia Brubaker, Senate Representative.

Rob (The Bashful One), Leanne, Michell, and Rhonda in the van on the way to the mountains.

Biology Club at Linville Falls. Shown here, Left to Right: Neil Pierce, Rhonda Swayne, Michelle Byrum, Sarah Williams, Jerry Leete, Linda Beamon, Andrew Tawes, Tricia Brubaker, and Leanne Wallio.



# Foreign Arts Club

"Good things come in small packages..." Judging from the activity-packed schedule of COA's Foreign Arts Club the saying is true. The club has a small but dedicated membership, and each year FAC is responsible for bringing cultural awareness to COA. Each quarter the club hosts a Foreign Film Party and holds at least one fundraiser. Community service is also of primary concern to the club. This year FAC participated in the Walk for Hunger, sponsored a child in the Children's Christmas



Party, visited nursing homes, and collected over ninety five pounds of food for the Albemarle Food Pantry. FAC also has an ongoing interest in leading a COA-wide adoption program for the elderly. Of course, a favorite tradition of Foreign Arts Club is the end-of-the-year Foreign Food Dinner Party, in which club members experience the taste of the world's cuisine!



Members clown around before the meeting.

Lin Dziuk and Mrs. Riccardo recruit members for the October Walk for Hunger.



# COA Nursing Clubs — Healthy Fun!



After their busy days in class and clinic, COA's nursing students still have work to do. The nursing clubs of ADN '91, ADN '92, and PNE stay active around campus with fundraisers and other projects. A primary aim of the clubs is the participation in end-of-the-year pinning ceremonies. Club funds help to provide pins, receptions, and other recognitions for graduates. Among the projects that this year's nurses took part in were the Wellness Fair in October and the Children's Christmas Party in December.

## Cosmetology Club

Traditionally known as the "Cos Club," students in COA's Cosmetology program are active in more ways than just the classroom and clinic. Professional hair shows take place throughout the year in many parts of the state, and participation in these shows gives cosmetology students a chance to learn new skills. In addition to these ventures the club is active on campus. Fundraisers — especially those calorie-laden bake sale goodies — keep the club highly visible. Despite Cosmetology's busy clinic schedule the club also manages to have a high attendance record for Student Senate representation, and often aids in senate sponsored events such as Activities Day and the Children's Christmas Party.



Club members display their craft at COA's "Club Day" in the fall.

Band members warm up for a performance.



## COA Band and Chorale

On the music scene, COA's Band and Chorale offer something for everyone. COA's Band is directed by Jean Jones. The band performs in a number of concerts each year on campus and in the community. Recently the band has been able to purchase two new instruments, a tuba and a bassoon, for which band members hope there will always be interested players. The band meets weekly for practice and fun, and is also active on campus with bake sales and other projects.

Under the direction of Dr. Leland Chou, the Chorale joins forces with the Albemarle Community Chorus each week for practice. The Chorale and Chorus present a Christmas concert and a spring concert each year. Works vary from the light-hearted to the serious. This year's spring concert featured Brahms' *German Requiem*.



Band and Chorale members advise students of upcoming cultural programs during Club Day.



## COAST Players

Newly formed this year is the COAST Players, a theater group under the direction of Sandra Boyce. This year's primary project was the spring production of Woody Allen's comedy, **Don't Drink the Water**. Member's activities ranged from costume design, lighting, and set design to acting and directing in the production. Charter members of the organization are: Michele Bush, Paul Cowan, Bill Creef, Pat Cruz-Lewis, Daven Davenport, Tammy Deroshia, Eric Forbes, Brian Glave, Belinda Halstead, Jennifer Jenkins, Ernest Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Ray Jones, Joe Lawrence, Erica Martin, Athena Morris, Brad Myers, Tracy Nixon, Mark Prew, Teresa Reilly, Mark Smitheman, Andrew Tawes, Craig Umphlett, Sean Vail, Stephen White, Lisa Woodell, and Kathy Yoder.

Make-up is an art!

Recruiting new members is a lot of fun at October's Club Day.



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One way or another, we'll get your blood!



Hats are in this year.





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## A SUPPORTIVE COALITION

As this year comes to a close it seems that The Persian Gulf War is also coming to an end. The Coalition Forces led by The United States has achieved the liberation of Kuwait after forty two days at war.

Not only was this a time of coalition just among nations, it was also one for those left behind. When family members and friends traveled halfway around the world to Saudi Arabia many students sought support that was given here at COA. Just a few of the many things done to show our support of our troops were the yellow ribbons tied along the roadside since the summer. Our Student Senate sponsored a letter drive campaign called "Letters From Home." PTK sold Desert Storm T-Shirts. The Nursing classes fixed a beautiful bulletin board listing names of service men and women participating in Operation Desert Shield-Storm who were related to COA students. Many of our friends were also on that list.

We also celebrated a time of coalition with a very active year. There were many clubs and events to join and participate in. It is our hope that this coalition between our students, faculty, and community continues to grow as we celebrate our thirtieth year. Finally we also hope the support our college has shown to our service members will continue in the words of a support slogan "Until They All Come Home."

Editor — Janie Campbell









